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**AMC SUPPORTS SAGKEENG FIRST NATION IN THEIR APPLICATION TO
HALT THE MMTP**

Treaty One Territory, Manitoba – Grand Chief Arlen Dumas and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) are supporting Chief Derrick Henderson and Council of Sagkeeng First Nation in their court action to halt construction of the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP) until their concerns of proper consultation are addressed.

“We firmly stand with Sagkeeng First Nation on this issue,” said **AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas**. “We’ve known for years that true consultation with our communities doesn’t take place and that Manitoba Hydro failed to gain the consent of Sagkeeng to proceed with this project. That is why we are supporting Chief Henderson and Sagkeeng First Nation in their call for a judicial review regarding the province's approval of a license to Manitoba Hydro for building the Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project. In this era of ‘reconciliation’ it is disheartening to see that provinces and Crown Corporations are still neglecting their duty to consult and are refusing to engage in meaningful partnerships with First Nations.”

The \$543 million dollar hydro line is already under construction, and runs from Winnipeg to eastern Manitoba - right through Sagkeeng First Nation traditional territory, before running South toward northern Minnesota.

Manitoba Hydro reports that the project is expected to be completed by June 2020.

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About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 per cent of

the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.